

allowing the creation of an electronic business card file by the user using said Web site, said creation comprising:

allowing the user to enter information into a plurality of fields;

storing said information; and

sending an authentication email to the user, wherein a reply to said authentication email is required to complete said creation;

allowing the user to search for one or more records;

allowing the user to view said records and to export electronic business card data from said records to a file readable by a contact management program;

if said creation is completed, allowing the setting of privacy levels by the user for each said field, said setting comprising selecting one of more than two privacy levels so that the user controls data shown in each said field to another user based upon the selected privacy level for each said field; and

allowing the user to indicate a location of the user prior to an expiration date.

9. (Twice Amended) A computer system for providing access to a collection of electronic business cards, comprising computer instructions for:

providing an electronic business card file Web site to a user;

allowing the creation of an electronic business card file by the user using said Web site, said creation comprising:

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 allowing the user to enter information  
 into a plurality of fields;  
 storing said information; and  
 sending an authentication email to the  
 user, wherein a reply to said authentication  
 email is required to complete said creation;  
 allowing the user to search for one or more records;  
 allowing the user to view said records and to  
 export electronic business card data from said records  
 to a file readable by a contact management program;  
 if said creation is completed, allowing the setting  
 of privacy levels by the user for each said field, said  
 setting comprising selecting one of more than two  
 privacy levels so that the user controls data shown in  
 each said field to another user based upon the selected  
 privacy level for each said field; and  
 allowing the user to indicate a location of the user  
 prior to an expiration date.

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 17. (Twice Amended) A computer-readable storage medium,  
 comprising computer instructions for:

providing an electronic business card file Web site  
 to a user;

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 allowing the creation of an electronic business  
 card file by the user using said Web site, said  
 creation comprising:

allowing the user to enter information  
 into a plurality of fields;  
 storing said information; and  
 sending an authentication email to the  
 user, wherein a reply to said authentication  
 email is required to complete said creation;

allowing the user to search for one or more records;  
 allowing the user to view said records and to  
 export electronic business card data from said records  
 to a file readable by a contact management program;  
 if said creation is completed, allowing the setting  
 of privacy levels by the user for each said field, said  
 setting comprising selecting one of more than two  
 privacy levels so that the user controls data shown in  
 each said field to another user based upon the selected  
 privacy level for each said field; and  
 allowing the user to indicate a location of the user  
 prior to an expiration date.

25. (Twice Amended) A computer data signal embodied in  
 a carrier wave, comprising computer instructions for:

providing an electronic business card file Web site  
 to a user;

allowing the creation of an electronic business  
 card file by the user using said Web site, said  
 creation comprising:

allowing the user to enter information  
 into a plurality of fields;

storing said information; and

sending an authentication email to the  
 user, wherein a reply to said authentication  
 email is required to complete said creation;

allowing the user to search for one or more records;

allowing the user to view said records and to  
 export electronic business card data from said records  
 to a file readable by a contact management program;

if said creation is completed, allowing the setting  
 of privacy levels by the user for each said field, said

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 setting comprising selecting one of more than two privacy levels so that the user controls data shown in each said field to another user based upon the selected privacy level for each said field; and  
 allowing the user to indicate a location of the user prior to an expiration date.

33. (Amended) A method of providing access to a collection of electronic business cards, comprising the steps of:

providing an electronic business card file Web site to a user;

allowing the creation of an electronic business card file by the user using said Web site, said creation comprising:

allowing the user to enter information into a plurality of fields;

storing said information; and

sending an authentication email to the user, wherein a reply to said authentication email is required to complete said creation;

allowing the user to search for one or more records;

allowing the user to view said records and to export electronic business card data from said records to a file readable by a contact management program;

if said creation is completed, allowing the setting of privacy levels by the user for each said field, said setting comprising selecting one of more than two privacy levels, wherein the electronic business card file Web site is accessible by spoken commands; and

allowing the user to indicate a location of the user prior to an expiration date.

34. (Amended) A computer system for providing access to a collection of electronic business cards, comprising computer instructions for:

providing an electronic business card file Web site to a user;

allowing the creation of an electronic business card file by the user using said Web site, said creation comprising:

allowing the user to enter information into a plurality of fields;

storing said information; and

sending an authentication email to the user, wherein a reply to said authentication email is required to complete said creation;

allowing the user to search for one or more records;

allowing the user to view said records and to export electronic business card data from said records to a file readable by a contact management program;

if said creation is completed, allowing the setting of privacy levels by the user for each said field, said setting comprising selecting one of more than two privacy levels, wherein the electronic business card file Web site is accessible by spoken commands; and

allowing the user to indicate a location of the user prior to an expiration date.

35. (Amended) A computer-readable storage medium, comprising computer instructions for:

providing an electronic business card file Web site to a user;

allowing the creation of an electronic business card file by the user using said Web site, said creation comprising:

allowing the user to enter information into a plurality of fields;

storing said information; and

sending an authentication email to the user, wherein a reply to said authentication email is required to complete said creation;

allowing the user to search for one or more records;

allowing the user to view said records and to export electronic business card data from said records to a file readable by a contact management program;

if said creation is completed, allowing the setting of privacy levels by the user for each said field, said setting comprising selecting one of more than two privacy levels, wherein the electronic business card file Web site is accessible by spoken commands; and allowing the user to indicate a location of the user prior to an expiration date.

36. (Amended) A computer data signal embodied in a carrier wave, comprising computer instructions for:

providing an electronic business card file Web site to a user;

allowing the creation of an electronic business card file by the user using said Web site, said creation comprising: